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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7651

BILL NUMBER: HB 1540

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 14, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 15, 2005

SUBJECT: Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Woodruff

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Long

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will consist of 19 members: 8 legislative members, 8 lay members, and 3 state employees. Legislative members and lay members are entitled to per diem and reimbursement for traveling expenses. State employees appointed to the Commission are entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses incurred in connection with the member's duties. However, if all meetings were held in Indianapolis at the State Office Building complex, there would be no additional mileage expense for state employees.

Expenses incurred by legislative members would be paid from appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency. Expenses for other members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Due to the effective date, costs would not be incurred until FY 2006.

The Commission must assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events and projects; coordinate state, local, and nonprofit organizations' bicentennial activities; cooperate and coordinate with the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission; act as a point of contact for federal or other state bicentennial organizations wishing to distribute information to state and local groups about grant opportunities, meetings, and national events; plan and implement events; seek federal grants and philanthropic support; and perform other duties.

The DNR will staff the Commission. The Department will experience additional expenses associated with providing and coordinating activities associated with the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial celebration. The expenses of the Commission are to be paid from money appropriated to the DNR. The Commission expires January 1, 2010.

The proposal also provides for a citizen advisory board; however, members of the board are not entitled to per diem, mileage, or other expenses.

Explanation of State Revenues: The Commission may seek federal grants and philanthropic support for bicentennial activities, which could generate revenue.

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The Commission must assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events and projects which could reduce expenditures for planning activities at the local level.

Explanation of Local Revenues: The Commission must assist local governments with grant applications for bicentennial events and projects and seek federal grants and philanthropic support. This provision could generate revenue for local bicentennial projects and/or events.

State Agencies Affected: DNR, Legislative Council, Legislative Services Agency.

Local Agencies Affected: Local governments planning or participating in bicentennial activities.

Information Sources:

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